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The SPECTATOR.

Sævis inter ſe convenit Urſis. Juv.

Wedneſday, March 12. 1712.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

THE Materials you have collected toge-
'ther towards a general Hiſtory of
'Clubs, make ſo bright a Part of your
'Speculations, that I think it is but a
Office we all owe the learned World, to furniſh
them with ſuch Aſſiſtances as may promote that
uſeful Work. For this Reaſon I could not forbear
communicating to you ſome imperfect Informa-
tions of a Set of Men (if you will allow them a
Place in that Species of Being) who have lately
united themſelves into a nocturnal Fraternity,
under the Title of *The Mohock Club*; a Name
borrowed it ſeems from a ſort of *Cannibals* in
India, who ſubſiſt by plundering and devouring
all the Nations about them. The Preſident is
ſtiled *Emperor of the Mohocks*; and his Arms are a
Turkiſh Creſcent, which his Imperial Majeſty bears
at preſent in a very extraordinary Manner engraven
upon his Forehead. Agreeable to their Name,
the avowed Deſign of their Inſtitution is Miſ-
chief; and upon this Foundation all their Rules
and Orders are framed. An outragious Ambition
of doing all poſſible Hurt to their Fellow-Crea-
tures, is the great Cement of their Aſſembly, and
the only Qualification required in the Members.
In order to exert this Principle in its full Strength
and Perfection, they take Care to drink themſelves
to a Pitch, that is, beyond the Poſſibility of at-
tending to any Motions of Reaſon or Humanity;
then make a general Sally, and attack all that are
unfortunate as to walk the Streets thro' which
they patroll. Some are knock'd down, others
ſlabb'd, others cut and carbonado'd. To put
the Watch to a total Rout, and mortify ſome of
thoſe inoffenſive Militia, is reckon'd a *Coup d'eclat*.
The particular Talents by which theſe *Miſan-
thropes* are diſtinguiſh'd from one another, conſiſt
in the various kinds of Barbarities which they
execute upon their Priſoners. Some are celebra-
ted for a happy Dexterity in tipping the Lion
upon them; which is perform'd by ſqueezing the
Face flat to the Face, and boring out the Eyes
with their Fingers: Others are call'd the Danc-
'ing-Maſters, and teach their Scholars to cut Ca-
'pers by running Swords thro' their Legs; a new
'Invention, whether originally *French* I cannot tell:
'A third Sort are the Tumblers, whoſe Office it is
'to ſet Women upon their Heads, and commit
'certain Indecencies, or rather Barbarities, on the
'Limbs which they expoſe. But theſe I forbear to
'mention, becauſe they can't be but very ſhocking
'to the Reader as well as the SPECTATOR. In
'this Manner they carry on a War againſt Man-
'kind; and by the ſtanding Maxims of their Po-
'licy, are to enter into no Alliances but one, and
'that is offenſive and defenſive with all Bawdy-
'Houſes in general, of which they have declar'd
'themſelves Protectors and Guarantees.

'I muſt own, Sir, theſe are only broken inco-
'herent Memoirs of this wonderful Society, but
'they are the beſt I have been yet able to procure;
'for being but of late Eſtabliſhment, it is not ripe
'for a juſt Hiſtory: And to be ſerious, the chief
'Deſign of this Trouble is to hinder it from ever
'being ſo. You have been pleas'd, out of a
'Concern for the Good of your Countrymen, to
'act under the Character of SPECTATOR not only
'the Part of a Looker-on, but an Overſeer of their
'Actions; and whenever ſuch Enormities as this in-
'feſt the Town, we immediately fly to you for Re-
'dreſs. I have reaſon to believe, that ſome thought-
'leſs Youngſters, out of a falſe Notion of Bravery,
'and an immoderate Fondneſs to be diſtinguiſhed
'for Fellows of Fire, are inſenſibly hurried into this
'ſenſeleſs ſcandalous Project: Such will probably
'ſtand corrected by your Reproofs, eſpecially if
'you inform them, that it is not Courage for half a
'Score Fellows, mad with Wine and Luſt, to ſet
'upon two or three ſoberer than themſelves; and
'that the Manners of *Indian* Savages are no be-
'coming Accompliſhments to an *Engliſh* fine Gentle-
'man. Such of them as have been Bullies and
'Scowrers of a long ſtanding, and are grown Ve-
'terans in this Kind of Service, are I fear too hard-
'ned to receive any Impreſſions from your Admo-
'nitions. But I beg you would recommend to
'their Peruſal your Ninth Speculation. They

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'may there be taught to take Warning from the 'Club of Duellists; and be put in Mind, that the 'common Fate of those Men of Honour was to be 'hang'd.

I am,

March the 10th, 1711-12. *SIR,*

Your most humble Servant,

Philanthropos.

The following Letter is of a quite contrary Nature; but I add it here that the Reader may observe at the same View, how amiable Ignorance may be when it is shewn in its Simplicities, and how detestable in Barbarities. It is written by an honest Countryman to his Mistress, and came to the Hands of a Lady of good Sense wrapped about a Thread-Paper, who has long kept it by her as an Image of artless Love.

To her I very much respect, Mrs. Margaret Clark.

'LOvely, and oh that I could write loving Mrs. '*Margaret Clark*, I pray you let Affection 'excuse Presumption. Having been so happy as to 'enjoy the Sight of your sweet Countenance and 'comely Body, sometimes when I had Occasion to 'buy Treacle or LiquorishPowder at the Apotheca-'ry's Shop, I am so enamoured with you, that I 'can no more keep close my flaming Desire to be-'come your Servant. And I am the more bold now, 'to write to your sweet self, because I am now my 'own Man, and may match where I please; for 'my Father is taken away; and now I am 'come to my Living, which is Ten Yard Land, 'and a House; and there is never a Yard of 'Land in our Field but is as well worth ten Pound 'a Year as a Thief's worth a Halter; and all my 'Brothers and Sisters are provided for: Besides I 'have good Housholds-stuff, though I say it, both 'Brass and Pewter, Linnens and Woollens; and 'though my House be thatched, yet if you and I 'match, it shall go hard but I will have one Half 'of it slated. If you shall think well of this Mo-'tion I will wait upon you as soon as my new 'Cloaths is made and Hay-Harvest is in. I could, 'though I say it, have good —— The rest is torn off; and Posterity must be contented to know that Mrs. *Margaret Clark* was very pretty, but are left in the Dark as to the Name of her Lover.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

By Her Majesty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, To-morrow being Thursday, the 13th Day of March, will be presented a Play call'd, The Orphan; or, the Unhappy Marriage. To which (at the Desire of several Ladies of Quality) will be added a Farce of one Act only, call'd, The Country-Wake. By her Majesty's Command no Persons are to be admitted behind the Scene.

From the Office in Ironmonger-Lane.

In Pursuance of the Articles for establishing a mutual Contribution for enlarging Provisions for Children, &c. a Dividend of the said Contributions will be made at Lady-day next, and all Persons concerned are desired to bring in their Claims within the time limited in the Articles, viz. on or before the 21st of March next; for upon the Neglect thereof they will receive no Benefit until the Dividend following. N.B. Attendance is constantly given at the said Office for admitting Contributors and dispatching other the Affairs of the said Contribution, and the Proposals are given gratis.

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